

Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace the second full paragraph on page 1 with the following:

“The push or pull rod is ~~displaceably~~ displaceably mounted on a support of the clamping and/or spreading tool. The clamping and/or spreading tool has a fixed jaw fixedly connected to the support and a movable jaw fixedly connected to the push or pull rod, whereby the movable jaw can be moved relative to the fixed jaw by displacement of the push or pull rod.”

Please delete the fourth full paragraph on page 2.

Please replace the first full paragraph on page 3 with the following:

“By providing two locks, namely that of the gear mechanism which permits displacement of the push or pull rod in the advance direction, namely in the clamping and/or spreading direction but blocks reverse displacement of the push or pull rod particularly ~~autenatieally~~ automatically when the gear mechanism is not actuated by the operator, and that of a separate lock, in other words a lock independent of the operation of the gear mechanism, much higher clamping forces can now be maintained between the jaws than with known tools having only one lock.”

Please replace the second full paragraph on page 4 with the following:

“Then, even low release ~~freees~~ forces are sufficient when the releasing means acts on the entraining element of the gear mechanism, and on the lock at the side of the push or pull rod opposite an engaging location of the biasing means in each case. If, for example, the biasing means is arranged at the clamping side in producing a moment to pivot the entraining element or the lock into the canted position, the releasing means counteracts this moment at the opposite side by means of a large release lever arm. To achieve releasing, the canted entraining element or canted lock is pivot-returned about the engaging point of the biasing means.”

Please replace the paragraph bridging pages 5 and 6 with the following:

“Preferably, the biasing means engages the lock at the actuating side of the push or pull rod and the releasing means at the clamping side of the push or pull rod[[,]]. One particularly simple constructional embodiment for canting the lock relative to the pull rod is achieved in that the lock is pivoted by the biasing means about a fixed point located at the side of the push or pull rod opposite the side at which the engaging point of the releasing means is located.”

Please replace the Abstract on page 14 with the following:

Abstract

“A clamping and/or spreading tool including a push or pull rod, comprises at least one lock blocking displacement of the push or pull contrary to the clamping and/or spreading direction by it being canted by at least one biasing mechanism ~~means~~, such as a spring, ~~more particularly a thrust spring~~, relative to the push or pull rod, and a releasing mechanism ~~means~~ which when actuated cancels the blocking effect of the lock such that the a-biasing ~~means~~ mechanism and the releasing ~~means~~ mechanism functionally engage the lock at least at opposite sides of the push or pull rod.”